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Dear Governor Rell and Connecticut State Legislators:

My name is Margaret Addison and I am the mother of eight children and a grandmother of two. I lost my mother when I was 21 years old. She died in my arms, in the hospital. I lost my first apartment in 2002. My daughter had her own apartment so I had to live with her for awhile. Then in 2008 my daughter lost her apartment. Then I had to go to a shelter called **Shelter Now** in Meriden. I stayed there for 3 months. I have been going from shelter to shelter. Now I am at Katie Blair House. I have been there since September 2009. It is my home. I feel very safe there. I eat good and sleep good. We get wonderful donations of clothing, shoes, sweaters and much more. Eileen and Candy are very patient and understanding staff. Most of all they will help you with anything they can. I hope and pray to God that I will have a job soon because I need to get back on my feet. And when that day comes, I will never forget where I came from and the people who gave me all of the support that I needed. I will be grateful and happy to tell anyone about the Katie Blair House. And all of the love and caring you will feel at the Katie Blair House. I feel so good about myself today. Thanks to my father in heaven, God. He will always be there because he looks after babies and fools. And I was one, but no more.

Margaret Addison